and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

Invitation to Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding these proposed regulations.

All comments submitted in response to these proposed regulations will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 3022, ROB–3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assessment of Educational Impact

The Secretary particularly requests comments on whether the proposed regulations in this document would require transmission of information that is being gathered by or is available from any other agency or authority of the United States.

List of Subjects in 34 CFR Part 345

Grant program-education, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: October 27, 1994.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.224—State Grants Program for Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities)

The Secretary proposes to amend title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations by revising part 345 to read as follows:

PART 345—STATE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Subpart A—General

Sec.

- 345.1 What is the State Grants Program for Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities?
- 345.2 What are the purposes of the State grants program for technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities?
- 345.3 What are the types of awards under this program?
- 345.4 Who is eligible to receive a development grant?
- 345.5 What are the responsibilities of the lead agency or public agency in applying for and in administering a development grant?
- 345.6 How does a State designate the lead agency?

- 345.7 Who is eligible to receive an extension grant?
- 345.8 What are the responsibilities of the lead agency in applying for and in administering an extension grant?
- 345.9 What regulations apply to this program?
- 345.10 What definitions apply to this program?

Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Department Support?

345.20 What types of activities are authorized under this program?

Subpart C—How Does a State Apply for a Grant?

- 345.30 What is the content of an application for a development grant?
- 345.31 What is the content of an application for an extension grant?

Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

- 345.40 How does the Secretary evaluate an application for a development grant under this program?
- 345.41 What other factors does the Secretary take into consideration in making development grant awards under this program?
- 345.42 What is the review process for an application for an extension grant?
- 345.43 What priorities does the Secretary establish?

Subpart E—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

- 345.50 What are the reporting requirements for the recipients of development and extension grants?
- 345.51 When is a State making significant progress?
- 345.52 Who retains title to devices provided under this program?
- 345.53 What are the requirements for grantee participation in the Secretary's progress assessments?
- 345.54 How may grant funds be used under this program?
- 345.55 What are the responsibilities of a State in carrying out protection and advocacy services?

Subpart F—What Compliance Procedures May the Secretary Use?

- 345.60 Who is subject to a corrective action plan?
- 345.61 What penalties may the Secretary impose on a grantee that is subject to corrective action?
- 345.62 How does a State redesignate the lead agency when it is subject to corrective action?
- 345.63 How does a State redesignate the entity responsible for providing protection and advocacy services?

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 2201–2217, unless otherwise noted.

PART 345—STATE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Subpart A—General

§ 345.1 What is the State Grants Program for Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities?

This program provides grants to States to support systems change and advocacy activities designed to assist States in developing and implementing consumer-responsive comprehensive Statewide programs of technologyrelated assistance that accomplish the purposes in § 345.2.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 2211(a); sec. 101(a) of the Act)

§ 345.2 What are the purposes of the State grants program for technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities?

The purposes of this program are to provide financial assistance to States to support systems change and advocacy activities designed to assist each State in developing and implementing a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, for individuals with disabilities of all ages, that is designed to—

(a) Increase the availability of, funding for, access to, and provision of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

(b) Increase the active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the program;

(c) Increase the involvement of individuals with disabilities and, if appropriate, their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives, in decisions related to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

(d) Increase the provision of outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, to enable the two populations to enjoy the benefits of programs carried out to accomplish the purposes described in this section to the same extent as other populations;

(e) Increase and promote coordination among State agencies, and between State agencies and private entities, that are involved in carrying out activities under this part, particularly providing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, that accomplish a purpose described in another paragraph of this section;